SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014



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SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA DECEMBER 31, 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4
Many, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4, a component unit of the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 4 and page 16 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplemental information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of



preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sabine Parish Tourist and Recreation Commission's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The other supplementary information listed in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling information directly to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 29, 2015 on our consideration of Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4's internal control over financial reporting and our tests on its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

EUGENE W. FREMAUX II, CPA

June 29, 2015

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2014

This section of the District's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The District's net position decreased \$3,687 to \$1,175,475 during the year. Net position decreased because of excess expenses over revenues. Expenses for the year amounted to \$307,972, an increase of \$63,742. Grant revenues for the year amounted to \$60,192.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts:

Management's discussion and analysis Basic financial statements Supplementary information

The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements. The District has only one fund, the general fund.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	Dece	mber 31, 2014	Dece	mber 31, 2013
Current and other assets	\$	644,528	\$	595,115
Capital assets, net		546,892		622,703
Total Assets	\$	1,191,420	\$	1,217,818
Current and other liabilities Net Assets	\$	15,945	\$	38,656
Invested in capital assets		546,892		622,703
Unrestricted		628,583		556,459
Total net position		1,175,475		1,179,162
Total liabilities and net position	\$	1,191,420	\$	1,217,818

The District's net position decreased \$3,387 during the year.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2014

Condensed Statement of Activities

	Year Ended			
	Decem	ber 31, 2014	Dece	mber 31, 2013
General government Expenses Capital grants	\$	(307,545)	\$	(307,972) 60,192
Subtotal		(307,545)		(247,780)
General revenues		303,858		326,534
Change in net assets	\$	(3,687)	\$	78,754

During 2014, grant revenues decreased by \$60,192. In addition, expenses increased by \$427.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FUNDS

The District's governmental fund balance increased \$72,124during the year. Expenses decreased by \$210,053 to \$231,734, primarily due to decreased capital outlay. Total revenues decreased by \$82,868 to \$303,858 due primarily to a decrease in grant revenue of \$60,192. Capital expenditures are expensed in the general fund financial statements, but are capitalized and depreciated in the government-wide financial statements.

CAPITAL ASSETS

	Decen	nber 31, 2014	D	ecember 31, 2013
Capital asset additions	\$	31,342	\$	231,953

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The District does not expect any significant changes in revenues or expenses for next year.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Mr. David Davis, Secretary/Treasurer, 4405 Natchitoches Hwy, Many, Louisiana 71449.

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2014

ASSETS		
Cash	\$	368,391
Receivables		256,106
Prepaid expenses		20,031
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		546,892
TOTAL ASSETS		1,191,420
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		15,945
TOTAL LIABILITIES		15,945
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets		546,892
Unrestricted		628,583
TOTAL NET POSITION	Q	1,175,475
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SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Expenses	Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenue and changes in net position Governmental Unit
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS			
Governmental activities: General government	\$ 307,545	\$ -	\$ (307,545)
Total governmental activities	307,545		(307,545)
General revenues: Taxes State revenue sharing Interest Other			254,616 12,499 140 36,603
Total general revenues			303,858
Change in net position			(3,687)
Net position, beginning of year			1,179,162
Net position, end of year			\$ 1,175,475

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET December 31, 2014

ASSETS

Cash Receivables Prepaid expenses	\$	368,391 256,106 20,031
T otal assets	\$	644,528
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$	15,945
Total liabilities	_	15,945
Fund balance:		
Nonspendable-prepaid expenses		20,031
Unassigned		608,552
Total fund balance		628,583
Total liabilites and fund balance	\$_	644,528

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

December 31, 2014

Total fund balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 628,583

Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2014	2,326,022
Less accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2014	(1,779,130) 546,892

Total net position at December 31, 2014 - Governmental Activities \$ 1,175,475

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENT AL FUND

GENERAL FUND

Year ended December 31, 2014

Revenues:	
Taxes	\$ 254,616
State revenue sharing	12,499
G rants	-
Interest income	140
Other	 36,603
T otal revenues	 303,858
Expenditures:	
General government:	
Personnel costs	35,840
Occupancy	25,881
Insurance	42,346
Operating services	93,151
Debt service	
Principal	-
Interest	-
Capital outlay	 34,516
Total general government	 231,734
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over	
expenditures	72,124
Fund balance, beginning of year	 556,459
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 628,583

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

December 31, 2014

Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 72,125
Capital assets:	
Capital outlay capitalized 31,342	
Depreciation expense for year (107,154)	 (75,812)
Change in net assets - Governmental Activities	\$ (3,687)

(1) Summary of significant accounting policies

The Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 was created by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492, for the purpose of providing fire protection within the District. The District is governed by a board of five commissioners appointed by the Police Jury and Town of Many. The commissioners serve two year terms.

A. Basis of Accounting

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local government entities. The GASB has issued a Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification). This Codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

The accompanying financial statements of the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 present information only as to the transactions of the programs of the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 as authorized by Louisiana statutes and administrative regulations.

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The accounts of the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 are maintained in accordance with applicable statutory provisions:

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized using the full accrual basis of accounting therefore, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and became measurable;

Expense Recognition

Expenses are recognized on the accrual basis, therefore, expenses, including salaries, are recognized in the period incurred, if measurable.

B. Budgetary Accounting

Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control. The Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4's prepares and adopts a budget each year in accordance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes. The operating budget is prepared based on prior year's revenues and expenditures and the estimated increase therein for the current year, using the full accrual basis of accounting. The Fund amends its budget when projected revenues are expected to be less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more and/or projected to be more than budgeted amounts by five present or more. All budget appropriations lapse at year end.

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows and consistent with GASB Statement 9, the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 defines cash and equivalents as follows:

Cash – includes not only currency on hand but also demand deposits with banks or other financial institutions and other kinds of accounts that have the general characteristics of demand deposits in that the customer may deposit additional funds at any time and also effectively may withdraw funds at any time without prior notice or penalty.

Cash equivalents – includes all short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of interest rates. Generally, only investments that, at the date of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months qualify under the definition.

D. Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where applicable, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectable.

E. Bad debts

Uncollectable accounts receivable are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectablity of the particular receivable.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are carries at historical costs. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets used by the Sabine Parish fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 is charges as an expense against operations in the Statement of Activities. Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation are reported on the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method over the estimated useful life of the assets, generally 10 to 40 years for buildings and building improvements and 5 to 10 years for moveable property. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to earnings as incurred. Major expenditures for renewals and betterment are capitalized.

G. Compensated Absences

Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 does not have full time employees, therefore, no liability for compensated absences has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

H. Restricted Net Position

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- 1. Investment in capital assets, net of related debt consist of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets;
- 2. Restricted net position ret position with constraints placed on the use either by a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation;
- 3. Unrestricted all other net position is reported in this category.

I. Fund Equality

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance and displayed in five components:

- 1. Nonspendable amounts that cannot be spent wither because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact;
- 2. Restricted amounts constrained to specific purposes by either a) creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments, or b) constitutional provisions or enabling legislation;
- 3. Committed amounts constrained to specific purposes by the governmental entity at its highest level of decision-making authority (Board of Commissioners). These amounts cannot be used for any other purposes unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- 4. Assigned amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed that are intended to be used for specific purposes as established by the Board of Commissioners or its management to which the Board of Commissioners has delegated the authority to assign amounts for specific purposes;
- 5. Unassigned all other spendable amounts.

The Board of Commissioners established (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments and assignments by passage of an ordinance or resolution.

The Commission typically uses restricted fund balances first, followed by committed, assigned and unassigned funds when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of these fund classifications could be used.

J. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) Cash

For reporting purposes, deposits with financial institutions including savings, demand deposits, time deposits, and certificates of Deposit. Under state law, the Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards No. 3 and 4 may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank selected and designated by the Interim Emergency Board. Further, the Fund may invest in time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana, in savings accounts or shares of savings and loan associations and savings banks and in share accounts and share certificate accounts of federally or state chartered credit unions.

Deposits in bank accounts are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

(3) Accounts receivable

The following is a summary of accounts receivable at December 31, 2014:

Ad valorem taxes	\$251,648
Other	<u>4,458</u>
Total	<u>\$256,106</u>

(4) Capital assets

A summary of the District's capital assets at December 31, 2014 follows:

	Land	Vehicles and Equipment	Building provements	Total
Cost of capital assets, beginning of year	\$12,000	\$1,762,517	\$ 520,163	\$ 2,294,680
Deletions		-	-	-
Additions		31,342_	 	31,342
Cost of capital assets, end of year	\$12,000	\$1,793,859	\$ 520,163	\$ 2,326,022
Accumulated depreciation, beginning of year Deletions Additions Accumulated depreciation, end of year	\$ -	\$1,365,156 - 90,427 \$1,455,583	\$ 306,821 - 16,726 323,547	\$ 1,671,977 - 107,153 1,779,130
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, end of year	\$12,000	\$ 338,276	\$ 196,616	\$ 546,892

(5) Leases

The Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 3 and 4 was not obligated under any capital or operating lease commitments at December 31, 2014.

(8) Litigation

There was no outstanding litigation against the Sabine Parish Fire protection District No. 1, Wards 3 and 4 at December 31, 2014.

(9) Compensation paid to Commissioners

In accordance with Louisiana revised Statute 40:1498, members, including police jurors serving ex-officio, may be paid per diem of \$30 for attending board meetings – not to exceed two meetings in one calendar month. Compensation paid in 2014 to the Commissioners follows:

Butch Manasco	\$330
David Davis	360
Elizabeth Pickett	300
Oscar Alford	360
Ralph Funderburk	300

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Agency Head: Elizabeth Pickett

Purpose Amount
Per diem \$300

OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

For the year ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FA VORABLE (UNFA VORABLE)	
Revenues:					
Taxes	\$ 315,900	\$ 239,438	\$ 254,616	\$ 15,178	
State revenue sharing Grants	16,000 -	12,474 -	12,499 -	25	
Interest income	200	140	140	-	
Other	36,000	36,603	36,603		
T otal revenues	368,100	288,655	303,858	15,203	
Expenditures: General government:					
Personnel costs	40,700	39,182	35,840	3,342	
Occupancy	23,000	25,881	25,881	5,542	
Insurance	42,000	43,803	42,346	1,457	
Operating services	76,350	87,622	93,151	(5,529)	
Capital outlay	130,000	34,516	34,516	-	
Total general government	312,050	231,004	231,734	(730)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over					
expenditures	56,050	57,651	72,124	15,933	
Fund balance, beginning of year	556,459	556,459	556,459		
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 612,509	\$ 614,110	\$ 628,583	\$ 15,933	

SABINE PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, WARDS NO. 3 AND 4 MANY, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS DECEMBER 31, 2014

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

None

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Finding number 2013-01

The District has not been publishing their meeting minutes in the parish newspaper, as required by R.S. 43:171(A).

Recommendation

Minutes should be promptly published as required by law.

Management response

Management has begun publishing minutes.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Board of Directors Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 1 and 2 Florien, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities of Sabine Parish Fire Protection District No. 1, Wards 3 and 4, Many, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2015.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.



Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

EUGENE W. FREMAUX II, CPA

June 29, 2015